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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONDUCTING A BIDDING SESSION**

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application prior to the examination thereof.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

In the Specification

Please amend paragraph 0030 of the specification to read as follows:

A1 [0030] FIGS. 5A and 5B depict an exemplary embodiment of a database structure, which can be used in the present invention to store bidding session-related data.

Please amend paragraph 0032 of the specification to read as follows: